ATTACHMENT 9 FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Ashland Distribution Freeport Center, Building 12 Clearfield, Utah 84016

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Ashland Inc. is guaranteeing liability coverage for sudden and non-sudden accidental occurrences at the Ashland Clearfield facility, located at the Freeport Center in Clearfield, Utah, in accordance with UAC R315-8-8. A copy of the insurance policy and Independent Auditors Report as required by 40 CFR 264.147 and the Utah Administrative Code are included as Appendix A.

Updated financial information will be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board within 90 days after the close of each succeeding fiscal year.

As specified in 40 CFR 264.143(7) and (8), as incorporated by reference in UAC R315-8-8, the Executive Secretary of the Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board may, based on reasonable belief that Ashland no longer meets the necessary financial requirements, require reports of financial condition at any time. Also, the Executive Secretary may disallow the financial mechanism based on the independent certified public accountants report on examination of Ashland's financial statements.

APPENDIX A

INSURANCE POLICY AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT